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DEPARTMENT PASS TO OIH/DHEW, DIRECTOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: WHO PAHO SWEL AORG

SUBJECT: PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

**REF: STATE 211775** 

- 1. MISSOFF MADE DISCREET INQUIRY WHETHER, WHEN AND HOW DG MAHLER MAY UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATION OF PAHO PROBLEMS CONCERNING EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL 211775.
- 2. AS DEPT POINTS OUT, DG MAHLER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY PAHY DIRECTOR THAT A NUMBER OF EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE CASES EXIST. DG MAHLER SUSPECTS THERE ARE SOME IRREGULARITIES AND HAS ORDERED AN INVESTIGATION. HOWEVER, THE IRREGULARITIES APPEAR NOT TO INVOLVE A SERIES OF MALPRACTICES IN THE PAST BY THE PAHO BOARD OF INQUIRY AND APPEAL, RITT

RATHER, A SPECIFIC AND RECENT INSTANCE WHEN THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD

GAVE EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE DOCUMENTS TO CHIEF OF ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMENT.

- 3. NO DIRECT ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY DG MAHLER, EITHER GENEVA OR DURING HIS ATTENDANCE PAHO CONFERENCE. HE CONSIDERS SITUATION PAHY INTERNAL MATTER.
- $4.\ NOTWITHSTANDING,$  STAFF COMMITTEE UNDOUBTEDLY WILL RAISE PROBLEMS CONFIDENTIAL

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DURING CONFERENCE IN ATTEMPT TO EMBARRASS PAHO DIRECTOR. CUBAN

DELEGATION MAY BE INVOLVED. DURING MY INQUIRY, REFERENCE WAS MADE, FOR EXAMPLE, TO MRS AMBLER, CHAIRWOMAN OF AMRO STAFF COMMITTEE, WHO IS OF CUBAN ORIGIN.

5. DG MAHLER BELIEVES STAFF COMMITTEE HAS JUSTIFIED GRIEVANCES BUT DEPLORES POSSIBILITY SUCH GRIEVANCES WILL BE AIRED AT PAHO CONFERENCE BEFORE MEMBER GOVERNMENTS FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. TO EMBARRASS PAHO DIRECTOR, STAFF COMMITTEE WILL MOST LIKELY REQUEST THE RIGHT TO ADDRESS THE REGIONAL COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE.

6. DG MAHLER AND ADG FURTH HOPE USG CAN FIND WAY TO STAVE OFF STAFF COMMITTEE ATTEMPTS TO EMBARRASS PAHO DIRECTOR AND PERHAPS TO DISRUPT CONFERENCE. OTHERWISE, DG MAHLER PLANS NOT TO BE DIRECTLY INVOLVED. DALE

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